

Dear FCC,I am writing to express my disagreement with efforts by the NAB to limit the ability of satellite radio services from providing local content. I am a subscriber to both XM and Sirius services and believe that satellite radio gives the public the opportunity to enhance their radio experience. Those individuals who are willing to pay a monthly fee for the service now have access to a vast amount of diverse content that terrestrial radio does not currently provide. Since these are pay services, they will never replace terrestrial radio- just as cable and satellite television services have not undermined local television broadcast.

I see no reason that satellite radio services should not be allowed to transmit localized content through their satellites or repeaters. It is in our nation's best interest to allow consumers access to the best content and services that technology can provide.

The NAB has filed petition 04-160 because they are feeling threatened by the first significant technological advance in radio since FM was introduced 40 years ago. I believe that the competition from satellite radio services will encourage radio broadcasters to innovate their technology and improve their content.

With the best interests of consumers in mind, please reject petition 04-160.

Sincerely,
Michael Charles

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